THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Selection of Sub-standard serials by Guwahati Doordarshan Kendra

4034. SHRIMATI BASANTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the serials being telecast from Guwahati Doordarshan Kendra are not upto the standard and are under criticism by local press, regularly;

(b) what is the procedure of selection of serials in that Kendra; and

(c) what remedial steps will be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Reaction of all the viewers to the serials telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Guwahati are not alike. These serials are selected by a Selection Committee consisting of non-official experts.

(c) Complaints or suggestions of the viewers received by Doordarshan are duly taken into consideration for the betterment of the service.

Vacancies of Gezetted/Non-Gezeted Posts in different Doordarshan Kendras of North Eastern Region

4035. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Gazetted and Non-Gazetted posts in the Programme, Engineering and Administrative sections of the different Doordarshan Kendras of the North Eastern Region which are lying vacant; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to fill up these vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Number of Gazetted and Non-gazetted posts lying vacant at the different Doordarshan kendras in the North Eastern region (Prgramme, Engineering and Administrative Sections taken together).

	Total
(i) Gazetted:	359
(ii) Non-gazetted:	1413

(b) Recruitment process has already been initiated to fill up most of these vacant posts.

Full-fledged programme production by Dibrugarh, Shillong, Imphal and Guwahati Centres of Doordarshan

4036. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) by when Doordarshan Kendras of Dibrugarh, Shillong, Imphal and the Programme Production Centre (PPC) at Guwahati will start full-fledged programme production;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Dibrugarh Doordarshan Kendra is telecasting capsules sent by Guwahati Doordarshan Kendra due to shortage of manpower; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to fill-up this additional manpower?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The TV Studio Centres at Dibrugarh, Shillong and Imphal are envisaged to be commissioned during 1993-94. The programme production-cum-feeding centre at Guwahati is also envisaged to be operationalised for relay of Common North Easttrn Regional Service during 1993-94.